(d) what other steps Government propose to take to enforce BIS compulsorily for all consumer products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) BIS is constantly endeavouring to provide contemporary standards to enable the industry produce goods of international quality. Indian Standards are being aligned to international standards. BIS is also operating a quality certification scheme, both for products and quality systems.

(b) BIS has secured a loan from the World Bank to partly finance modernisation of testing facilities as per international levels.

(c) Under the project, exports from internationally reputed laboratory assessed the present capability of BIS laboratory and submitted a report which is being implemented. Laboratory upgradation and modernisation is being taken up in the areas of domestic electrical appliances, food processing and automotives and more sophisticated equipments are being procured. Laboratory managers have also been deputed for training in leading laboratories abroad.

(d) BIS Certification Scheme is voluntary in nature. Compulsory Certification has been provided by the Government under various Acts, Orders, Rules etc, only in such products (presently 129) which are important from the point of view of health and safety of consumers.

Poor offtake of foodgrains under PDS

18. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the present poor offtake of foodgrains under the PDS in many parts of the country; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are also aware that PDS has failed to subsidise the bare necessities of the rural/tribal poor people where the number of PDS shops are not much as compared to urban areas;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to review the whole system and evolve a new public distribution system so that PDS could play an important role in the current atmosphere of economic liberalisation; and

(d) whether the committee of State Ministers, set up by Government to give a new direction to the PDS, has submitted its report, if so, what are the details of its recommendation and whether any action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir. The low offtake could be attributed to adequate availability of foodgrains in most parts of the country.

(b) Nearly 75 percent of the 4 lakh Fair Price Shops in the country are located in the rural areas. While shortcoming may exist in a system of this maginude, the Public Distribution System (PDS) does provide considerable succour to the people in rural and tribal areas also.

(c) and (d) At the 15th Meeting of the PDS Advisory Council held in March, 1993 it was resolved that a National Policy on PDS be evolved focussing on the need to provide for larger and more meaningful quantities to the really needy and deserving sections of the population. Pursuant to this resolution, a Committee of Ministers was set up. The recom-

mendations of the Committee are expected by the end of July, 1983.

Dual Ration Cards Policy

19. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to implement dual ration card policy, if so, the parameters determined to segregate the ration card holders; and

(b) whether Central Government has given any directives to State Governments for implementation of the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

तिलहनों के आयात

20. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार खाद्य तेलों के स्थान पर तिलहनों का आयात करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) उस पर कितनी धन राशि खर्च किये जाने का विचार है ?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (घ) देशी खाद्य तिलहनों/खाद्य तेलों की उपलब्धता को पर्याप्त समझते हुए सरकार का फिलहाल तिलहन आयात करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत वस्तुओं की प्रति इकाई आपूर्ति

21. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली के उपभोक्ताओं और देश के अन्य भागों में रहने वाले उपभोक्ताओं को उचित दर की दुकानों के माध्यम से सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत प्रति इकाई कितनी-कितनी चीनी, चावल, गेहूं तथा अन्य सामग्री प्रदान की जाती है ;

(ख) क्या दिल्ली तथा देश के अन्य भागों में रहने वाले उपभोक्ताओं को प्रदान की जाने वाली प्रति इकाई मात्रा में कोई अन्तर है ; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार देश के सभी उपभोक्ताओं के साथ समान व्यवहार करने की दृष्टि से सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से प्रति इकाई विभिन्न वस्तुओं की समान मात्रा की आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करेगी ?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की वस्तुओं की अधिप्राप्ति